

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 106 - HB 1158**

March 8, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes county election commissions to place absentee ballot boxes at locations within the county if the boxes comply with requirements for both standard ballot boxes and absentee ballot boxes.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-201 – 207, absentee ballots are required to be mailed to the local county election commission of the registered voter.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-311, each local county election commission has one absentee voting ballot box, locked and sealed by county election commissioners, to store absentee ballots received by mail until time to count the votes.
- Voters that are approved to vote absentee are prohibited from hand-delivering an absentee ballot to the local election office. Only mailed absentee ballots are accepted.
- To the extent that any local election commissions elect to place absentee ballot boxes at additional locations within the county, permissive increases in local expenditures associated with the costs and maintenance of such boxes would be incurred. However, as absentee ballots are required to be mailed to a local county election commission, it is assumed that no local election commissions will place additional absentee ballot boxes throughout other locations within the county. Therefore, any such permissive increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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